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SUBJECT: WEBBING AND M16A1'S

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1. INFORMED UAE DF SEPT 13 THAT LOA SIGNED SEPT 10 BY AMB. GHOBASH FOR WEBBING, AND POINTED OUT NEED FOR EARLY PAYMENT. AT WORKING LEVENL, GENERAL KHALDI'S STAFF IN FAVOR OF IDEA MAKING FULL PAYMENT WITH REFUND TO BE MADE, AS APPROPRIATE, DEPENDING ON FINAL TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER FINAL DECISION WILL AWAIT RETURN OF KHALDI WHO NOW DUE BACK SEPT. 14. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HEAR FURTHER.

2. GENERAL'S RETURN SHOULD CLEARLY MOVE DECISION ALONG ON M16'S AS WELL AND WE HAVE INFORMED COLT AND WINCHESTER THAT WE HOPE FOR ANSWER WITHIN ONE WEEK. IN CASE DEPT. NOT INFORMED BY COLT, WINCHESTER TO PROVIDE AMMUNITION, WITH FIRST SHIPMENT OF ONE MILLION ROUNDS TO GO WITH FIRST 5000 RIFLES. WE HAVE INDICATED TO WINCHESTER, WE ASSUME CORRECTLY, THAT LICENSING WILL BE NO PROBLEM AND THAT MATTERS WILL BE EXPEDITED TO MEED NOVEMBER DEADLINE.
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